

**THE NORTH HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
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NORTH HAVEN, CT 06473**

MINUTES

January 9, 2014

Attendance: Robert D. Cronin, Ph.D., Kristine Carling, Director of Finance and Operations, Melinda McKenna, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Planning, Dana Corriveau, Director of Special Education, Wesley O'Brien, Jennifer Cecarelli, Goldie Adele, Randi Petersen, Alicia Clapp, Matthew Kerzner, Jennifer Caldwell, and Bryan Bogen.

1. Budget Workshop

Dr. Cronin began the workshop stating he wanted to revisit the following three issues:

- Class size guidelines
- Art and music
- ID enrollment

Mrs. Clapp suggested looking at other districts class sizes.

Dr. Cronin passed out a list of positions that were discussed Tuesday evening. Dr. Cronin and Mrs. Carling identified the positions that were built into presented budget and those that are not in the current proposed budget.

There was discussion around the Alternative School Program, the cost of opening an Alternative High School vs. the cost of having to outplace students, etc. . Mrs. Clapp posed the question of researching this more and possibly collaborating with another school district to come together and save some money on this program. Mrs. Corriveau responded that there was much research done last year and she has reached out to other districts, but didn't feel that that would be an option at this time because the programs at the other districts were quite full.

Mrs. Corriveau stated that they would have approximately 12-15 students enrolled in the upcoming school year that could be placed in the Alternative High School.

Expected cost for this program \$266,000

Dr. Cronin and Dana discussed the option of starting in intervention program first and possibly the next year starting the Alternative School and what the pros and cons would be of doing it that way.

There was further discussion regarding the two art and music positions. Dr. Cronin stated if the Board wanted to go forward with keeping those two teaching positions that would mean there would be an art and music teacher in every school. These one year positions would become permanent positions.

The next budget workshop is going to take place at Central Office on Thursday, January 16 ,2014 at 6:00 p.m. and the Board of Education will be looking at the High School and Middle School Budgets. They Board agreed to hear the entire budget requests (elementary, high, middle, special education, athletics, etc.) before making any final decisions. They agreed it was better to hear it all and then determine where the priorities lie.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS